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In re Application of :
 Brandon Lee Hall et al. :
Application No. 09/632,699 :
Filed: August 4, 2000 :
For: METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR TRADING :
 PERMANENT SEAT LICENSES :

DECISION ON PETITION
TO WITHDRAW THE
HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT


This is in response to applicants' petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment, filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on February 10, 2003 and supplemented on June 19, 2003.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A review of the file records indicates that an Office action was mailed to applicants on July 5, 2002. Since no timely response to the July 5, 2002 Office action was received, the application was held to be abandoned, and a Notice to that effect was mailed on January 28, 2003.

Applicants' petition includes a copy of a response bearing a Certificate of Facsimile Transmittal date of October 2, 2002. A statement by Tracey S. Wright was received on June 19, 2003, which attests to the personal knowledge of the transmission of the response on the date indicated on the Certificate of Facsimile Transmittal. This is sufficient evidence of a timely response.

Since a timely response to the Office action was filed, the holding of abandonment is withdrawn and the application is restored to pending status. The application is being forwarded to the Supervisory Legal Instruments Examiner for entry of the response filed with the petition, and then to the Examiner for prompt action on the merits of the application.



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